

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A functional powdery product, which is prepared by

allowing a carrier ~~having a surface to homogeneously support one or more members selected from vitamin glycosides on the surface, to adsorb a vitamin glycoside by dissolving said vitamin glycoside in an aqueous solvent containing said carrier in a suspended form, whereby said vitamin glycoside is homogeneously supported on the surface of said carrier,~~

wherein the amount of said vitamin glycoside supported on the surface of the carrier is 0.01 to 30% (w/w) based on the amount of said functional powdery product,

wherein the average particle size of said functional powdery product is 0.01 to 30  $\mu\text{m}$ .

2. (Currently amended) The functional powdery product of claim 1, wherein said vitamin glycosides ~~are one or more members selected from the group consisting of vitamin A glycoside, vitamin B glycoside, niacin glycoside, pantothenic acid glycoside, is~~ ascorbic acid glycoside, ~~vitamin E glycoside, or vitamin P glycoside, and salts and derivatives thereof.~~

3. (Currently amended) The functional powdery product of claim 2, wherein said vitamin P glycoside is ~~one or more members selected from the group consisting of quercetin glycoside, hesperetin glycoside, naringenin glycoside, and esculetin glycoside.~~

4. (Withdrawn) The functional powdery product of claim 2, wherein said ascorbic acid glycoside is L-ascorbic acid 2-glucoside.

5. (Currently amended) The functional powdery product of claim 1, wherein said carrier is ~~one or more members selected from the group consisting of a saccharides powder or a protein powders, and synthetic polymers.~~

6. (Currently amended) The functional powdery product of claim 5, wherein said ~~saccharides are saccharide powder is one or more members selected from the group consisting of acetyl cellulose, cellulose powder in a sphere form, starch, modified starch, alginic acid, agarose, agar, chitin, and chitosan.~~

7. (Withdrawn) The functional powdery product of claim 5, wherein said proteins are silk, fibroin, gelatin, and casein.

8. (Withdrawn) The functional powdery product of claim 5, wherein said synthetic polymers are one or more members selected from the group consisting of nylon, polyethylene, benzoguanamine, ethylene tetrafluoride, distilbene-pinhole-polymer, and polyamide high molecule.

Claim 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) An external dermatological agent, comprising the functional powdery product claim 1.

11. (Original) The external dermatological agent of claim 10, which further contains one or more pharmaceutically acceptable substances as external dermatological agents along with the functional powdery product.

12. (Original) The external dermatological agent of claim 11, wherein said pharmaceutically acceptable substances are one or more members selected from the group consisting of powders other than the functional powdery product; substances which have circulation-promoting action, anti-inflammatory action, antibacterial action, moisture-retaining action, skin-whitening action, emulsifying action, ultraviolet-ray-absorbing action, ultraviolet-ray-scattering action, astringent action, anti-wrinkle action, cell-activating action, or percutaneous-absorption-promoting action; and/or oils and fats.

13. (Original) The external dermatological agent of claim 12, wherein said powders other than the functional powdery product are one or more members selected from the group consisting of talc, kaolin, sericite, muscovite, synthetic mica, lepidolite, biotite, lithia mica, vermiculite, magnesium carbonate, calcium carbonate, diatomaceous earth, magnesium silicate, calcium silicate, aluminum silicate, barium silicate, strontium silicate, metal tungstate,  $\alpha$ -iron oxide, hydrated iron oxide, silica, hydroxyapatite,  $\alpha$ -maltotriose,  $\alpha$ -trehalose, dextrin, nylon powder, polyethylene powder, benzoguananine powder, ethylene tetrafluoride powder, distilbene-pinhole-polymer powder, polyamide high molecular powder, agar powder, agarose powder, alginic acid powder, starch, modified starch, cellulose powder, chitin powder, chitosan powder, silk

powder, casein powder, gelatin powder, titanium oxide, zinc oxide, iron oxide (red iron oxide), iron titanate, yellow oxide of iron, cobalt titanate, mango violet, cobalt violet, chromium oxide, chromium hydroxide, cobalt titanate, ultramarine, Prussian blue, titanium oxide coated bismuth oxychloride, bismuth oxychloride, titanium oxide coated mica, fish scale flake, colored titanium oxide coated mica, aluminum, copper, and powders of colorants supported on carriers.

14. (Withdrawn) The external dermatological agent of claim 13, wherein said carrier for colorants is one or more members selected from the group consisting of saccharides, proteins, and synthetic polymers.

15. (Withdrawn) The external dermatological agent of claim 13, wherein said colorants are one or more members selected from the group consisting of shikonin derivatives, gardenia yellow, safflower color, red beet color, and cochineal.

16. (Previously Presented) The external dermatological agent of claim 11, wherein said pharmaceutically acceptable substances are one or more members selected from the group consisting of monosaccharides, disaccharides, oligosaccharides, and sugar alcohols.

17. (Original) The external dermatological agent of claim 16, wherein said monosaccharides, disaccharides, oligosaccharides, and sugar alcohols are  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose,  $\alpha,\beta$ -trehalose, sorbitol, maltitol, maltotriitol, maltotetraitol, saccharide derivatives of  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose, and cyclic tetrasaccharides.

18. (Previously Presented) The external dermatological agent of claim 10, which is in the form of a cosmetic, quasi-drug, or pharmaceutical.

19. (Previously Presented) The external dermatological agent of claim 10, which is any one of sunscreen oils, sunscreen lotions, sunscreen creams, creams, emulsions, cosmetic liquids, lotions, cosmetic oils, hair cosmetics, hair dyes, perfumes, kneaded perfumes, powdered perfumes, powders, packs, foundations, face powders, lipsticks, lipcreams, blushes/cheek colors, eye shadows, eye liners, mascaras, eye brows, nail creams, nail enamels, shampoos, rinses, hair treatments, hair colors, soaps, bath preparations, toothpastes, and mouthwashes.

20. (Previously Presented) The external dermatological agent of claim 10, which is in the form of a powder, semi-solid, solid, or solid powder.